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1. (Twice Amended) A process for presenting passenger peptides or polypeptides on the surface of Gram-negative host bacteria, comprising

a) providing a host bacterium transformed with a vector encoding a polynucleotide operatively linked to a promoter, wherein said polynucleotide comprises:

(i) a nucleotide sequence encoding a signal peptide,

(ii) a nucleotide sequence encoding a passenger peptide or polypeptide, *desire polypeptide*

(iii) a nucleotide sequence encoding a protease recognition site,

(iv) a nucleotide sequence encoding a transmembrane linker, and

E¹ (v) a nucleotide sequence encoding a transporter domain of an autotransporter, wherein the nucleotide sequence encoding the transporter *transmembrane* domain is located

* downstream from the nucleotide sequence encoding the passenger peptide or polypeptide; and

b) cultivating the host bacterium under conditions for inducing expression of the polynucleotide and presentation of the passenger peptide or polypeptide of step (ii) on the surface of the host bacterium, wherein the passenger peptide or polypeptide of step (ii) is heterologous in relation to the transporter domain of step (v), and the host bacterium is homologous in relation to the transporter domain of step (v).